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To Ethics Board Members:

I am a part-time employee of the Office of Public Health, working 16 hours per week as Medical Director of the Tuberculosis Control Program. I have been in this position since 2009. Prior to that I was a full-time employee in the Office of Public Health from 1978 to 2009. I retired from full-time work in 2009.

For most of my medical career I served voluntarily on advisory committees of the Preventive Medicine residency program of the Tulane University School of Medicine. I gave up membership on those committees in 2021. As a gesture of thanks for my voluntary service the head of the Preventive Medicine residency program has just sent me an eGift Certificate for Chewy.com for \$150. This gift can be used to purchase items on line for my pet dogs.

I was not told before this that I was being given this gift. I am requesting your opinion as to whether or not I can accept this gift without being in violation of state governmental ethics. Thank you for your advice in this matter.

Sincerely,

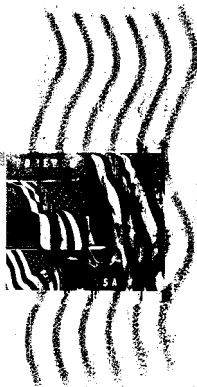
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